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Suspended over the mantelpiece I caught a glimpse of an oil painting—the work of a master artist—a face that made one think of the heroines of Gen. Lew Wallace pictured in "Ben-Hur," or the wonderful romance of the "Arabian Nights." As I was looking at the large, dark, dreamy eyes, the olive, oval features, suggestive of the Orient, I came to the conclusion that I would get a story there. I was not disappointed. In fact, I found at least two stories under this one Brooklyn roof.

Story No. 1 was the one that Dr. Hall had mentioned. He said that it was too good to keep because it threw a flood of light upon the methods that Asiatic authorities sometimes take to encourage literature. News of the affair was quite generally suppressed throughout the dominions of the Sultan and the story has only just reached America.

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